



State of California - The Resources Agency  
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

**TO:** State Clearinghouse  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of the Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Public Park Improvements

State Clearinghouse Number: 2003122074

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Project Location: Eastshore State Park, Berkeley, Alameda County

**Project Description:** The Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to make improvements to the Berkeley Meadow and Brickyard at Eastshore State Park. The following is a summary of the proposed work:

- Conduct hazardous material study and conduct indicated remediation. Remove debris.
- Enhance seasonal wetlands. Remove selected nonnative plants, revegetate with native plants, place fill in upland areas to improve drainage and to support trail system, and install fencing along perimeter and interior trails.
- Enhance the upland habitat.
  - ◆ Conduct special status species surveys; identify native raptor nesting sites and other significant existing native wildlife use of the upland areas. Use results of surveys to refine draft vegetation management plan. Develop grading plan, based on the need to import fill into the upland area.
  - ◆ Carry out phased removal of mature exotic trees, such as black acacia, and immature nonnative trees, such as eucalyptus saplings.
  - ◆ Replant upland areas with locally native species.
- Establish a fenced trail system, 12 feet in width (8' wide of stabilized soil straddled by 4' total of low-growing plantings) and approximately 7,500 feet in total length, and compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Designate a large, fenced, central area as "authorized access only" to protect sensitive habitat and restoration areas.
- Install interpretive panels, regulatory signage, and entry monument.

**Brickyard Area**

- Conduct a hazardous materials survey.
- Conduct a facilities concept study, including a special status species survey, to determine appropriate facilities and use for the Brickyard.

- Prepare a development and facilities management plan for the introduction of recreation and visitor facilities to the Brickyard area. Operations to be considered should include park operations/visitor center; concessions such as a café/restaurant/deli and recreational equipment; restrooms; landscaping and recreational space, such as turf areas, picnic facilities, and seating; trails, such as a waterfront promenade along the west side of the Brickyard Spit to a vista point, an internal trail system for the area with the appropriate connections to external trails; a bird blind near the outlet of Strawberry Creek; parking for up to 200 cars; interpretive panels and displays; and entry monument signs.
- Install a modular office building, with utilities and parking. Structure will not exceed 24 feet wide by 60 feet long.
- Install benches, tables, and entry monument.

**The California Department of Parks and Recreation has approved this project on February 2, 2004, and has made the following determinations:**

1. ☒ The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.  
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2. ☒ A Final Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).  
☐ A Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed in compliance with CEQA, and has been presented to the decision-making body of this Department for its independent review and consideration of the information, prior to approval of the project.
3. Mitigation measures ☒were ☐were not made conditions of project approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐was ☒was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings ☒were ☐were not made on environmental effects of the project.

The Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Northern Service Center, located at One Capitol Mall, Suite 410, Sacramento, California, 95814.

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